

# City of Eau Claire Health Chapter

## Issues Summary

### October 18, 2012 Meeting



<u>Issue</u>	<u>Dots</u>	<u>Staff Comment</u>
<b>Physical Activity/Active Living</b>		
What should the City do to develop parks? (Skateboarding, beaches, winter sledding)	4	In Bike/Ped. & Parks 5 yr. plans
Provide signage for safe routes to school	2	In Bike/Ped. Plan, could be expanded
What should the City do about public restroom availability or lack thereof?	3	
Better utilization of the built environment for shared uses e.g. school playgrounds	2	In Comp. Plan & Parks 5 yr. Plan
What can we do to Make existing parks more user-friendly (facilities & social interaction)	2	Parks 5 yr. Plan
<i>Should the City provide more opportunities for indoor exercise centers?</i>	1	<i>Staff question</i>
Improve access to green space for physical activity needs to be in every neighborhood	0	*Combined Issue* In Comp. Plan
What can we do to encourage families to do things together throughout the city?	0	
Marketing of resources available such as trails/physical activity opportunities, trail maps, health care/nutrition.	0	In Bike/Ped. Plan
<b>Food/Nutrition</b>		
Encourage sustainable business development for food production such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farming (land/green house, hydro/aqua)</li> <li>• Value added (can/frozen)</li> <li>• Distribution</li> </ul>	15	
Study ways to provide businesses incentives/tax credits encouraging small independent businesses to subsidize healthy food vendors to increase access	14	
Access to fast food is too easy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Too close to schools</li> <li>• #1 Wisconsin County Ranking in fast food density</li> <li>• Too many fast food places in general</li> <li>• Should we map the density of fast-food establishments and regulate the density?</li> </ul>	14	*Combined Issue*
How can we start and promote farm-to-school food system programs?	9	
Change ordinances that don't encourage urban agriculture (compost beds, chickens)	5	
Not enough community garden space in neighborhoods and schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community composting sites</li> <li>• Few season-extension greenhouse options in the city</li> </ul>	1 4	Could expand Sustainability Plan Chapter
What can the City do to address lack of fast healthy quality food?	4	
Access to grocery stores in neighborhoods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walkable/bike-able</li> <li>• Full service grocery downtown – needed</li> <li>• Convenience stores are unhealthy</li> </ul>	4	
<i>What should the City do about increasing access and availability to healthy food in our community?</i>	2	<i>Staff question</i>
Obesity rate is high <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fresh vegetables</li> <li>• Access to community kitchens</li> <li>• Education/knowledge of nutrition</li> </ul>	1 1	
More neighborhood farmer markets (UWEC farmer's market ended?)	0	

Housing/Land Use/Transportation		
Bike-ability issues/walkable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What should the City do to promote trail systems and bike lanes as a mode of transportation, e.g., commuting (non-recreation use)</li> <li>• Streets should accommodate all modes</li> <li>• Difficult to access bus system</li> <li>• Drivers/bicyclists need more education</li> </ul>	15	*Combined Issue* In Bike/Ped. Plan & possibly in future Transit Development Plan
Should the City consider assisting in renovation of older rental properties for fragile (elderly & handicapped) populations?	12	In Comp. Plan (might expand)
What can the City do about landlords that don't maintain properties?	11	Partly in Comp Plan
Exceed code to include green building standards	7	Partly In Sustainability Plan
Look at zoning regulations to increase housing options for mixed <u>life stages</u>	6	Partly in Comp Plan
Increase bike lanes into city center	5	In Bike & Ped. Plan
Bus transfer is not adequate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No restroom in transfer center</li> <li>• Very little space</li> </ul>	4	Transit Develop. Plan could address this problem
Unsafe housing – rentals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire code</li> <li>• Architectural sanity (need good design for historic homes) (adaptive reuse of old structures)</li> <li>• Smoking in multi-unit apartments</li> </ul>	1 2	*Combined Issue*
Multi-income/building use neighborhoods	3	Partly in Comp Plan
Density is needed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates more opportunities to walk/bike</li> <li>• Fewer parking lots would bring things closer together</li> </ul>	2	In Comp. Plan
What to do about <u>zoning</u> that does not encourage physical forms of transportation?	2	
Urban development boundary (Sewer Service Area)	2	In Comp. Plan
Building architecture is a wellness issue (good design of buildings)	1	In Comp. Plan (might expand) *Combined Issue*
<i>What should the City do to increase the amount of neighborhoods that are walkable, compact, and provide mixed-use development (i.e., homes above/near workplaces)</i>	1	Staff question
<i>What should the City do about ensuring that homes and workplaces are up to code for providing healthy environments</i>	0	Staff question
Encourage energy and thermal efficiency residential and commercial	0	Sustainability Plan
Crime/Safety		
Disconnected Neighborhoods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Busy roadways are dangerous to pedestrians and bikes</li> <li>• Bike trail/sidewalk gap – for recreation and transport</li> <li>• Safe crossings</li> <li>• Difficult to connect kids to school (safe routes to school)</li> </ul>	22	*Combined Issue* Problem areas/safe routes addressed in Bike/Ped. Plan, could be expanded
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve safety at intersections for bicyclists/pedestrians</li> <li>• Educate on current laws and also enforce current laws</li> <li>• Improve the safety of intersections/crosswalks for pedestrians and non-auto users</li> </ul>	7 6	In Bike/Ped. Plan *Combined Issue*
Study <u>lighting</u> to encourage and increase trails for winter use	11	
Can we implement health impact assessments for infrastructure/development changes?	5	
Safe routes for safe pedestrian access to other public or well-used areas	2	In Bike/Ped. Plan
What should the City do to increase pedestrian safety in older sections of town	2	In Bike/Ped. Plan
More measures for crime prevention	1	
High speed of traffic – over speed limit (Biking on roads that have high speeds is difficult)	1	In Bike/Ped. Plan
<i>Should City consider using more crime prevention strategies in design of built environ.?</i>	0	Staff question

Drug Use		
Study access/affordability/availability and concentration of ETOH-selling establishments (grocery/bars) and relation to binge/excessive drinking	10	
Examine the proximity/density of bars to UW and neighborhoods. Should we map the density of alcohol establishments and regulate the density?	10	*Combined Issue*
Second-hand smoke (during public events in parks and in multi-unit residential)	4	*Combined Issue*
Can we require tobacco-free parks?	1	
Drinking/driving (No safe places to leave cars overnight by bars)	0	
Environmental Exposures		
Climate change/energy issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fossil fuel dependency – dirty air</li> <li>• Non-renewable energy for heating/electricity</li> </ul>	10	Addressed somewhat in the Sustainability Plan Chapter
Limit sand mining and transportation (rail & trucking)	9	*Combined Issue*
What should the City do about common used river areas that are not designated use areas (water quality, access)?	3	In Waterways Plan
Should the City study stagnant water in detention ponds and rain gardens for mosquito-borne diseases and West Nile, cyanobacteria	1	Studied by Health Dept./Public Works designs ponds to address this
<i>Should the City consider noise standards for certain uses in the community?</i>	0	<i>Staff question</i>

\*Combined Issue\* means the issue was listed by more than one sub-group during the October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.